1	2	3	4	5
(c) Pyrazinamide	T	3·86	2·76	5·91
(d) Rifampicin	T	72·17	40·13	87·49
III. Anti Malarias				
(a) Chloroquin	T	140·07	260·10	218·20
(b) Amodiaquin	T	20·17	25·73	35·24
IV. Anti dysentry drugs				
(a) Metronidazole	T	436·73	265·73	331·92
(b) Tinidazole	T	44·20	76·40	44·95
(c) Idochloraphydroxyquinoline . .	T	204·87	182·55	194·50
V. Anti-Leprotics . .				
(a) Dapsone(DDS)	T	23·54	3·49	4·07
(b) Clofazimine	T	1·45	0·74	1·37
(c) Rifampicin	T	72·17	40·13	87·49

Short supply of certain drugs

135. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of drugs like Salazo Pyrin tablets, Rifampincin Wysoline tablets Tariside Becosules, Efcolin injection and others are in short supply in the market and that Prices of some of the drugs like Hythalton, Quadriderm, Asthalin inhaler etc. have gone up during the past some days;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Shortages of some branded formulations have come to notice. These shortages are mostly of localised nature and in most of the cases, the same medicine was available in other brands. In many cases of reported shortages therapeutic equivelents were available.

One factor which had caused some dislocation and uncertainty in the supply of medicines was the change in the EXIM Policy whereby imports in the drug sector were required to be done on the market determined exchange rate. The related uncertainty has been removed to a large extent after the recent reduction in duties of a large number of bulk drugs and intermediates.

Hythalton, Quadriderm, Asthalin are not price controlled.

Sale of drugs of notified prices

136. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bulk drug formulators sell their products at a premium above the notified prices;

(b) whether drug formulators have proposed to cut down their production in order to reduce their losses; and